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1 [Neighborhood Council Elections: Candidate Filing Deadline Extended](#)

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Northeast Community Newsletter

Join your Neighborhood Council! Last day to enter as a candidate is Wednesday, March 19th.

Neighborhood Council Elections - Deadline to File Candidacy Extended!

Deadline to File Candidacy

March 19th
File Online or By Mail

Do you want to improve and connect with your community? Run for your local Neighborhood Council today!

The deadline to enter the election as a candidate has been extended to Wednesday, March 19th. For more information on the extension, please visit EmpowerLA online.

The election will be held on Saturday, April 26th.

The Glassell Park, Eagle Rock, and Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Councils are hosting elections. You are eligible and encouraged to run and vote if you live, work, or own property in the community.

Please visit your Neighborhood Council's respective EmpowerLA site to file your candidacy and to learn about candidates who have already filed. Additionally, check out each Council's website to get a sense of its direction and to get in contact with current members.

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

- HHPNC EmpowerLA Elections Page
- HHPNC Website

Glassell Park Neighborhood Council

- GPNC EmpowerLA Elections Page
- GPNC Website

Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council

- ERNC EmpowerLA Elections Page
- ERNC Website

For more information on Neighborhood Councils, email Jay@EmpowerLA.org or call 818-293-VOTE (8683).

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2a This Week in the Parks

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<http://tinyurl.com/mkqcm9d>

Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority

Saturday, March 15th at 8am: Ed Davis Park in Towsley Canyon

Friendly Flyers

Are there ways that we can be more "friendly"; to the birds around us? Learn about our region's birds and how our behavior can sometimes affect theirs. Beginning birders are welcome. Binoculars optional. Meet at Towsley Canyon's front parking lot. 2 hours.

Friday, March 14th at 11am: Marsh Park

Mommy, Me, and the River

Have a little one at home? Enjoy a morning of fun exploring nature next to the L.A. River with your little one. This hands-on program will introduce a new topic to your toddler. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 1 hour.

Saturday, March 15th at 3pm: Temescal Gateway Park

Walk into the Chumash World

Discover how local Chumash Indians have used the natural resources of their environment for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1 mile walk. Meet at the front parking lot. 2 hours.

Sunday, March 16th at 1pm: King Gillette Ranch

Go for the Green

With St. Patrick's Day around the corner, come celebrate all that's green! Discover ways to be green at home, get hands-on with family-friendly activities, and be inspired by the ecofriendly features of the Visitor Center. Meet at the Santa Monica Mountains Visitor Center. Sponsored by the MRCA, NPS, CSP and WNPA. 2 hours.

Sunday, March 16th at 6:45pm: Franklin Canyon

Full Moon Hike

Explore nature by the light of a full moon. It's the perfect evening to observe nighttime adaptations and great views. Meet at Franklin Canyon Ranch parking lot. 2 hours.

Click the above park names for park information

Click [here](#) for more outdoor adventures, hikes and nature programs

Info: 310.858.7272 ext. 131

Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority | Franklin Canyon Park | 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive | Beverly Hills | CA | 90210

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3 Drawing Club Returns! TOMORROW at 7:30 pm

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Drawing Club returns! That's right, back by popular demand, it's another evening of Drawing Club at Pop-Hop with Adriana Yugovich <http://thepopshop.us4.list-manage.com/track>

/click?u=85a05812fc16eb6d895eb1580&id=95159f277f&e=47f104db85 on Wednesday, March 12 at 7:30 pm.

This workshop will be brimming with idea-generating, image-making games that will un-train your brain to stop thinking so much and surrender to the power of the pen. Perfect for artists with writer's block, writers with artist's block, emerging and retired cartoonists, or those who just want to get their draw on. All materials will be provided, and participants will not leave the workshop empty-handed.

Sign up today for \$10 (\$12 at the door) at <http://thepophop.com/events/drawing-club-returns> <http://thepophop.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=85a05812fc16eb6d895eb1580&id=0f74a4ea00&e=47f104db85>.

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4 El Sereno's Soto Street Bridge may not have a historic leg to

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http://www.theeast siderla.com/2014/03/el-serenos-soto-street-bridge-may-not-have-a-historic-leg-to-stand-on/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+TheEast siderLa+%28The+East sider+LA%29

March 11, 2014 Leave a comment

City officials and El Sereno residents gather under Soto Street Bridge | Nathan Solis
By Nathan Solis

The Soto Street Bridge appears to have a date with a wrecking crew after a city staff report said that the nearly 80-year-old El Sereno span was not worthy of historic monument status, which could have kept the bulldozers at bay.

The nearly 500-foot-long bridge, which once carried Red Car trolleys over the junction of Soto, Mission Road and Huntington Drive, had been nominated by the El Sereno Historical Society as a historic landmark as the city prepares to demolish the structure for a traffic and safety improvement project. A

historic monument application prepared by historian Charlie Fisher claimed that the bridge was historically significant because of its Art Deco-style and as an example of the Pacific Electric Railway network.

But a staff report by the Department of City Planning challenged those claims, saying the bridge was not a "particularly outstanding or distinctive" example of Art Deco style. In addition, the report said there were many other remaining pieces of the Pacific Electric Railway "that may better convey the essence of this significant railway system." The report recommended that the city's Cultural Heritage Commission, which oversees landmark nominations, reject the monument application for the "Pacific Electric's Soto Street Bridge."

It's not clear how the Cultural Heritage Commission will respond to the staff recommendation.

Part of the nomination process included a field trip to the bridge organized by the Office of Historic Resources. On a rainy afternoon in February, the commissioners, who traveled via a city van, along with residents, members of the historical society and a police escort huddled under the Soto Street bridge, where beer bottles, dead pigeons, rubbish and loose gravel littered the ground.

Fisher spoke to the crowd on its historical significance. Though his voice was drowned out by the sound of traffic, the small crowd paid close attention. The bridge carried the Pacific Electric Railway Red Car over Mission Road until the 1950s when the tracks were removed. Now the bridge feeds into El Sereno from Soto Street, diverges, with roads going over, under and branching off from Huntington Drive into Lincoln Heights and Boyle Heights.

During the field trip, architect and commissioner Richard Barron stood under the bridge and detailed the process of reviewing sites that could be declared Historic Cultural Monuments. When asked if he was familiar with the bridge before the nomination Barron hesitated. "I was somewhat knowledgeable of the historical significance. I never stood underneath the bridge before," said Barron.

In 2001 the Bureau of Engineering reported that the bridge did retain many of the Art Deco ornamental elements and might qualify for the Bridge Improvement Program that would restore bridges throughout Los Angeles. But a 2002 report from the California Department of Parks and Recreation stated that the Soto Street Bridge "has lost its historic function and lacks integrity of materials, design, feeling and association."

A 2004 study from the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering found the Soto Street Bridge a "seismic hazard" and proposed that the bridge be demolished as part of a restructuring for traffic flow.

The bridge is an eyesore to nearby resident Perry Petschar who has lived across the street from the bridge all his life. "During rush hour it takes forever to cross, because there are no traffic signals. It was built for something that doesn't exist anymore," says Petschar referring to the railway car.

When the commissioners and police escort left the site, a handful of people wearing T-shirts in support of saving the bridge lingered. Jorge Garcia, of El Sereno's Historical Society, his wife Yolanda and their son stood under the bridge as traffic went by, and cars honked their horns.

Yolanda Garcia mentioned that as a child her family traveled over the bridge when she would visit her

grandmother in Boyle Heights. It has always signified coming home for her.

"It's been neglected. I would hope that the bridge does receive monument status, because we might have memories of landmarks after they're gone, but why not save them instead?"

Nathan Solis is a Highland Park resident who writes about and photographs the L.A. music scene. You can find more of Solis stories, reviews and photos at Smashed Chair.

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5 **Trial date set in L.A. Councilman Jose Huizar sexual harassment case**

Tue Mar 11, 2014 9:55 pm (PDT) . Posted by: [asncalert](#)

By David Zahniser

March 10, 2014, 11:10 a.m.

A judge on Monday set a Nov. 10 trial date for the sexual harassment case filed by a longtime aide to Los Angeles City Councilman Jose Huizar.

Superior Court Judge William F. Fahey scheduled the date after Michael Eisenberg, an attorney for former Huizar aide Francine Godoy, said he is looking to call "potentially 20" witnesses in the case.

Fahey questioned the need for so many witnesses and a lengthy trial, asking Eisenberg: "Isn't this a he-said, she-said situation?"

"There are a lot of issues," Eisenberg responded.

Godoy, who worked for Huizar for seven years, has accused her former boss of waging a campaign of retaliation and harassment against her after she refused to provide "sexual favors." Huizar, 45, has called those claims "false and malicious" and said he had a consensual relationship with Godoy. That relationship, Huizar said, prompted him to apologize to his wife and four children.

A lawyer for the city would not comment. During Monday's hearing, Fahey asked Godoy's lawyer how many people had witnessed the activities alleged in the lawsuit. "Well over 10," Eisenberg responded.

Huizar, who represents neighborhoods stretching from Boyle Heights to Eagle Rock, is running for a third and final four-year term in the March 2015 election. Godoy joined his staff in 2006, earning about \$47,000 annually. When she left last year, her yearly pay was more than \$132,000, according to personnel officials.

Last year, Council President Herb Wesson ordered the formation of a special committee to investigate Godoy's claims. Weeks later, Eisenberg refused to let Godoy appear before the panel, saying he did not believe the council would be impartial when reviewing its findings. He pointed to Wesson's appearance at a Huizar campaign fundraiser, where he described Huizar as his "best friend" on the council.

Council members also must decide whether to pay \$185,000 to settle a lawsuit filed in the wake of a car crash involving Huizar. In 2012, Huizar was driving a city SUV when he rear-ended a car driven by a former Huntington Park police officer.

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<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-trial-date-huizar-20140310,0,7261873.story#ixzz2via5sfZD>

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6 **RELEASE: Soil Testing Finds Elevated Lead Levels - Department of Tox**

Tue Mar 11, 2014 9:55 pm (PDT) . Posted by: [asncalert](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Monday, March 10, 2014

CONTACT: Claire Conlon, (916) 651-4022, [Claire.Conlon @ sen.ca.gov](mailto:Claire.Conlon@sen.ca.gov)

Soil Testing Finds Elevated Lead Levels

Department of Toxic Substances Control Orders Exide to Take Corrective Action

SACRAMENTO – Senator Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles) released the following statement regarding the Department of Toxic Substances Control's (DTSC) review of the Off-Site Soil Sampling Report, dated February 18, 2014.

“Our community deserves swift action—polluters must be held accountable. I urge Exide to comply immediately with DTSC's order to begin mitigation steps to assist vulnerable families and expand the soil sampling testing area to fully understand the scope of the problem. Our residents have the right to know the full extent to which lead levels constitute harm.”

A community meeting on the lead testing result is scheduled for March 19 at Resurrection Catholic Church in Boyle Heights.

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For more information: <http://sd22.senate.ca.gov/exide>

Senator Kevin de León represents the 22nd District including all or parts of the City of Los Angeles,

Alhambra, East Los Angeles, Florence-Graham, Maywood, San Marino, South Pasadena, Vernon, and Walnut Park. He is the Senate Appropriations Chair and is a member of the following committees: Energy, Utilities and Communications; Governmental Organization; Health and Public Safety. Follow the Senator on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/SenatorDeLeon> or on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/SenatorDeLeon>.

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7 Online Candidate Registration

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<http://empowerla.org/asnc/candidate-registration-form-arroyo-seco> <http://empowerla.org/asnc/candidate-registration-form-arroyo-seco>

You can register to be a candidate for the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council online for your convenience. Do it today!

Martha Benedict
Election Chair
Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council

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8 LARGE MOVING SALE! 3/15

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Mon Mar 10, 2014 9:34 am on nelist@yahoogroups.com <mailto:nelist@yahoogroups.com>
Posted by: "K. Kroger" kkroger@sbcglobal.net

Large moving sale! Must downsize. Items priced to sell. One day only--Saturday March 15.

What time? 8 am-4 pm. Where? Glassell Park: 3523 Division Street, 90065.

Furniture, carpenter's tools, kitchenware, gardening implements, and all kinds of interesting things. Even some freebies!

(However, no nick-knacks, books, or clothes -- gave them away already.)

Park on street, walk up driveway.

Call 323 829 5329 for more information. Hope to see you there!

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9a NeighborHOOD council elections for all of Region 8

Tue Mar 11, 2014 10:05 pm (PDT) . Posted by: [asncalert](#)

Re: Glassell Park NeighborHOOD council elections - No outreach - Pul

Mon Mar 10, 2014 10:07 am (PDT) . Posted by:

pennyyorke@ymail.com

The deadline to file for candidacy has been extended to March 19th. Go to www.EmpowerLA.org, <http://www.EmpowerLA.org>, then click on elections 2014. >From there, scroll down to Region 8 - Glassell Park. You will find a form to file online.

Candidate filing period

Dear Region 8 Leaders:

Due to circumstances with the funding of many of the NC's in Region 8, I am pleased to report that the filing period has been extended for 7 days.

DO NOT LET UP and think that there is a lot of extra time.

We need to get candidates and we need to get the word out.

Besides mailers, you have:

Your e mail list

The City Council deputies lists

All parks and rec leaders list, the library

Facebook

Twitter

and more.....

If you have any questions, or any needs, please call on me asap.

Jay Handal

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9b NeighborHOOD council elections for all of Region 8

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10 Networking with Work@Homers Thursday

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Mon Mar 10, 2014 9:35 am on nelist@yahoogroups.com mailto:nelist@yahoogroups.com
Posted by: kc2la@pacbell.net

Thursday 3/13 at 12:00 4940 College View Ave.
Eagle Rock 90041

How's your home-based business fluorishing these days? Wish you had support from other work@Homers? Wish you had a bigger referral network? Looking for a networking opp specifically for people who work out of their homes? Join the Work@Homers this Thursday for positive, powerful, business casual networking. Bring your lunch, if you care to eat, and info about your biz that you wish to share.

Work@Homers invite all entrepreneurs, independent contractors, freelancers, and home-based business owners ~ and anyone still looking for the right gig ~ to our weekly networking lunch in Eagle Rock. We offer business networking in a casual environment with a committed group of entrepreneurs from a variety of backgrounds. Our aim is to "go beyond the elevator pitch" to build lasting, professional relationships and build a solid referral network.

Posted by Cheryl Leutjen, Cheryl@CherylLeutjen.com, 818-398-4995

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